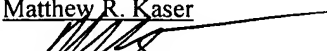


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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT IN A REQUEST  
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is a Response to the Notice Of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed 8<sup>th</sup> January 2010.  
This response is timely filed.

Please enter the following corrected sections of the non-compliant amendment (pages 2  
and 7 of the amendment) as filed 21 October 2009.